

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 6:14 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 714. An act to extend and improve the Native American Veteran Housing Loan Pilot Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to extend certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to services for homeless veterans, to extend certain other authorities of the Secretary, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the bill (S. 1139) to reauthorize the programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2513. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2614. An act to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2813. An act to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Robert R. Ingram of Jacksonville, Florida, for acts of valor while a Navy Hospital Corpsman in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict.

At 7:57 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.J. Res. 104. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 104. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the Acting President pro tempore [Mr. ENZI].

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 8:50 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 813. An act to amend chapter 91 of title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal

penalties for theft and willful vandalism at national cemeteries.

S. 1377. An act to amend the act incorporating the American Legion to make a technical correction.

H.R. 1747. An act to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and certain site improvements, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bills were signed subsequently by the Acting President pro tempore [Mr. ENZI].

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2614. An act to improve the reading and literacy skills of children and families by improving in-service instructional practices for teachers who teach reading, to stimulate the development of more high-quality family literacy programs, to support extended learning-time opportunities for children, to ensure that children can read well and independently not later than third grade, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of November 9, 1997, the following bill was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation for the consideration of matters within its jurisdiction for a period not to exceed 10 calendar days:

S. 1216. A bill to approve and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Trade Agreement.

Pursuant to the order of the Senate of November 9, 1997, the following bill was discharged from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and referred to the Committee on Finance:

S. 629. A bill entitled the "OECD Shipbuilding Agreement Act."

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 2513. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and modify the provision of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 relating to exempting active financing income from foreign personal holding company income and to provide for the non-recognition of gain on the sale of stock in agricultural processors to certain farmers' cooperatives.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. McCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

H.R. 1271. A bill to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 through 2000, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-152).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. 1493. A bill to amend section 485(f)(1)(F) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for the disclosure of all criminal incidents that manifest evidence of prejudice based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. MACK (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. GRAHAM, and Mr. KYL):

S. 1494. A bill to empower States with authority for most taxing and spending for highway programs and mass transit programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEVIN (by request):

S. 1495. A bill to amend section 7703 of title 5, United States Code, to strengthen the ability of the Office of Personnel Management to obtain judicial review to protect the merit system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1496. A bill to remove inequities between Congressional and contract employees regarding access to health insurance; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. LAUTENBERG:

S. 1497. A bill to release contributors of ordinary trash and minor amounts of hazardous substances from litigation under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1498. A bill to require States to adopt laws prohibiting open alcoholic containers in automobiles; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1499. A bill to amend the title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and other laws to assure the rights of enrollees under managed care plans; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. AKAKA:

S. 1500. A bill to amend the Hawaii Tropical Forest Recovery Act to establish voluntary standards for certifying forest products cultivated, harvested, and processed in tropical environments in Hawaii and to grant a certification for Hawaii tropical forest products that meet the voluntary standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 1501. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to improve protection for workers in multiemployer pension plans; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. COATS (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. GREGG, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1502. A bill entitled the "District of Columbia Student Opportunity Scholarship Act of 1997"; considered and passed.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 1503. A bill to protect the voting rights of homeless citizens; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MACK, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN):

S. 1504. A bill to adjust the immigration status of certain Haitian nationals who were provided refuge in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. JEFFORDS:

S. 1505. A bill to make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services, and for other purposes; considered and passed.